

**METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF COMPOUNDS MODULATING  
REVERSE CHOLESTEROL TRANSPORT**

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**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to methods and compounds which can modulate reverse cholesterol transport in a mammal and to screening methods enabling the selection, identification and/or characterization of compounds which can modulate reverse cholesterol transport. The invention also relates to cells, vectors and genetic constructs which can be used to implement said methods, in addition to pharmaceutical compositions intended for the treatment of atherosclerosis.

The inventive methods are based on the use of LRH-1 response elements derived from the apo AI gene promoter.